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Foreword

Regular readers of *Sansai* may have noticed a change to the journal over the past two years with the introduction of a Perspectives section, first featured in *Sansai* No. 3. The editors' motivation in creating this section was to provide a forum for shorter essays that introduce new research perspectives but that are neither "full" academic papers nor project reports. The section was launched in 2008 with a short piece that applied the thought of philosopher Hans Jonas to the interdisciplinary field of global environmental studies, and a photo essay that used images to convey the efforts of local communities in the central highlands of Vietnam to improve their livelihoods and environmental security. Both pieces fully tested the boundaries of the new Perspectives section and proved them to be elastic, therefore assuring the section's future inclusion in *Sansai*.

Sansai No. 4 continues last year's attempt to use the visual arts to gradually broaden the journal's scope. In addition to a discussion of the links between culture and biodiversity in Sri Lanka from Emeritus Professor C. M. M. Bandara of the University of Peradeniya, an analysis of the emergence of anti-whaling politics and policy in the United Kingdom in the 1970s from Dr Yasuhiro Sanada of Tokyo Institute of Technology, and a description of local environmental education initiatives in Nishinomiya, Japan, from Assistant Professor Miki Yoshizumi of the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies, Kyoto University, the current issue presents artwork from two contributors: Professor Hiroshi Takatsuki (pen-name High Moon) of Ishikawa Prefectural University and director of the Miyako Ecology Centre, and Kyoto-based freelance photographer Mr Kenji Yamamoto. Professor Takatsuki's environmental manga (downloaded from High Moon's cartoon gallery with the kind permission of the author) offer a provocatively humorous perspective on environmental advocacy that is equally popular among international and Japanese readers. Mr Yamamoto's piece may also please *Sansai*'s international readers — it is the first English-language article to describe the activities of the *hannari* (gently radiant) Kyoto Shimadai-juku (Shimadai school). The Shimadai-juku, like *Sansai*, was the idea of my colleague and co-editor, Professor Toshio Yokoyama, warden of Sansai Gakurin where *Sansai*'s editorship is housed. The Shimadai-juku resembles *Sansai* in that it is a forum that brings researchers and citizens together to discuss environmental topics of importance to academic and civic communities alike. For this reason, I feel a particular personal pleasure in seeing an article on Shimadai-juku's activities appear here in *Sansai*.

Readers may remember that *Sansai* set out in 2005 to establish a lively dialogue capable of crossing the borders between nations, languages, institutions,

organisations and academic disciplines. To accomplish this mission, *Sansai*'s editors rely on the support and submissions of readers from across the globe. The Instructions for Authors at the back of the issue offer guidance to anyone who would like to submit an article for consideration by *Sansai*'s editorial board. Moreover, as *Sansai* continues to extend its scope — a Letter to the Editors section is planned for future issues and this spring *Sansai* will go online for the first time when it is uploaded to the digital archives of the Kyoto University Research Information Repository — readers are warmly invited to contact *Sansai*'s editors with any writings or artwork they think may be of interest to other readers.

Sansai's editors are already accepting submissions for the journal's fifth issue, scheduled for publication in December 2010. I hope you will help me in making the next issue of *Sansai* the biggest yet and, to this end, I look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible in the months ahead.

December 2009

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